



# NEWS

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### MAN IN CUSTODY FOLLOWING OVERNIGHT STANDOFF

According to Sheriff Ed Graybeal, a Washington County man is in custody following an armed standoff with deputies. This incident began after 911 calls were received concerning an intoxicated man at the residence of 159 Carr Cemetery Rd at approximately 3:00 am this morning.

The man, later identified as Jason S. Guire, age 41, had threatened family members with a handgun and had doused the interior of the residence with diesel fuel while family members were inside. Guire was successful in lighting a piece of furniture on fire before fleeing the scene in a white Honda Odyssey van. His van was spotted on Herb Hodge Rd by responding deputies and a felony traffic stop was conducted. Guire then put the handgun to his head which began a 3½ hour stand-off with officers. During the stand-off, Guire fired two rounds from the gun into the Watauga River. After lengthy negotiation efforts, Guire eventually surrendered to law enforcement and was taken to the Johnson City Medical Center for an evaluation later released.

He has been charged with the following:

- 1 count of Aggravated Arson
- 4 counts of Attempted Murder
- 1 count of Possession of Handgun during the Commission of a Felony
- 1 count of Possession of Handgun while under the influence

Guire is being held at the Washington County Detention Center on a \$100,000 bond with arraignment set in Sessions Court on Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.

Members of the Washington County SWAT Team as well as the Johnson City Police Department assisted in this incident.



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